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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **OPERATION "CHERRY BLOSSOM"**

Today, The Detroit Police Department and its State and Federal partners launched Operation "Cherry Blossom" in the Twelfth Precinct on the Cities Northwest Side. Operation "Cherry Blossom" is a uniformed zero tolerance enforcement initiative. It is coupled with a narcotics enforcement, targeting the criminal elements that sell narcotics, preys on residents or attempts to find safe haven in this area. The goal of this operation is to provide a safe environment for all citizens who reside within the neighborhoods. We will address these concerns by purging this area of individuals who have outstanding warrants for their arrest, participate in the sale of illegal narcotics and possess illegal firearms. We will strive for an environment which will allow residents to safely reside within their neighborhoods without the fear of crime.

In the area of Cherrylawn and Eight Mile there has been an ongoing problem with sales of narcotics by persons living within the neighborhood. This continuous problem has been a nuisance to the good, hardworking Citizens who reside in the area . Efforts by Narcotics, Gang intel and the Twelfth Precinct Special Operations have been ongoing for as long as the problem has existed but the narcotics enterprise continues to this day.

Today's operation was intended to address these concerns, eliminate the criminal elements from the neighborhood and restore peace to the community. The Detroit Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life for all of its citizens and we will continue our efforts in making this city one of the safest in the Country.

Thank you to all participating department members, agencies, media, and to the citizens of the city of Detroit. Together we will make a positive difference in our community.



## **PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

The agencies participating in this operation includes:

### **Detroit Police Department**

Narcotics

Precinct Special Operation Teams

Special Response Team

Traffic Enforcement

G.I.S.T.

Aviation

Vice

Task Force Administration

Support Services Bureau

### **Detroit EMS**

Michigan State Police

Wayne County Sheriffs

Michigan Department of Corrections

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

Michigan State Police

Alcohol Tobacco/Firearms

United States Border Patrol

Wayne State University Police

United States Marshall Service

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)

DTE – Security/Loss Prevention

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